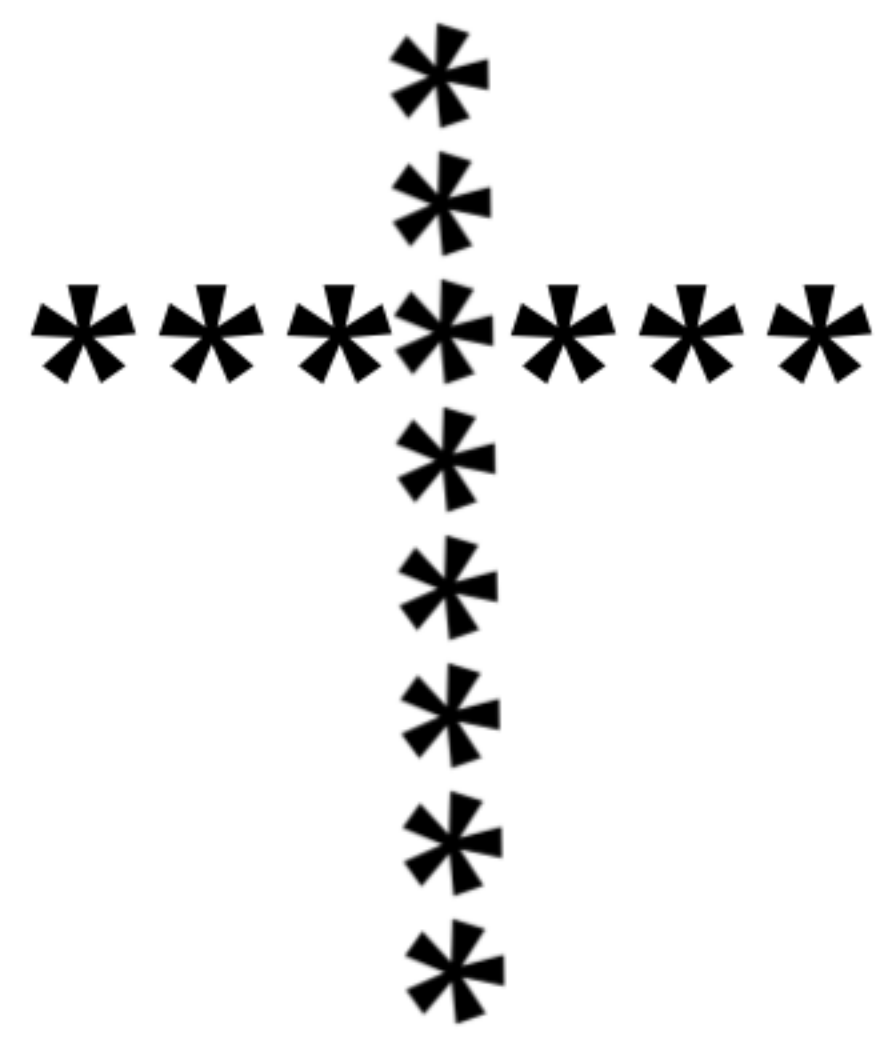


SUGGESTED CEREMONY



Look over the blessings and choose those which you would like the parish priest to impart. You may also suggest an order in which they might be given.

For example, one might begin with the blessing of the house itself, then go to the barn, the animals in the main lots, the car, and finally gather in the houseyard for the general blessing of the fields and pastures. (It is not necessary to go into every field, building, or lot on the farm.)

If you have an outdoor shrine, this would be an ideal place for the recitation of the Litany of the Saints. You will find the Litany in most prayer books, usually near the section on the Rogation Days Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday before Ascension Thursday.

"Everyone who asks, receives; whoever seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door shall be opened."

Luke 11:5 13